



Program of Study: Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Curriculum and Instruction: Reading (Not Eligible for Credential)

Program Description:

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Curriculum and Instruction: Reading (Not Eligible for Credential) program is designed for educators who wish to apply theory and educational best practices to the delivery of curriculum, instructions, and assessment in order to improve the reading abilities of their students. The format and courses of the regionally accredited program are tailored to meet the needs of the adult learner and to maximize strengths that the student already possesses. Courses are taught by experts in their respective fields who share knowledge and experience in areas of curriculum and instruction, cognition, emergent literature, linguistics, phonics and developmental and corrective reading processes. Opportunities are provided to apply concepts, theories, and research throughout the program. Assignments within each course guide students through observational and practice based experiences. Students must have access to a K-12 classroom to complete the practicum and program assignments. Graduates of this program are prepared to become informed educators who meet the reading needs of schools and student populations. The educator must hold a current Teaching Certificate or have K-12 experience.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
RDG 509	Reading: Foundation and Framework	This course will examine the past trends in reading instruction in America and will address the effects of historical studies that impacted the evolution of reading instruction over the past half century. Attention will be focused on determining the core findings of important research studies and applying that knowledge to the reading profession. The national standards for the International Reading Association will be discussed as well, with the student ultimately creating an electronic portfolio based on those standards. This course meets the following professional standards for educators: IRA (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 5.2) and NBPTS (2, 4, 5).	3
RDG 510	Curriculum and Instruction	The role of the teacher is to create meaningful learning experiences for the student. This course provides in-depth study of brain-compatible learning experiences. Course participants will learn about designing curriculum units and differentiating instruction for all students. Participants will use the skills associated with backward design, brain theory, and other learning theory principles. Additionally, participants will put into practice the skills of curriculum mapping and practical methods for differentiating learning in order to design a curriculum unit for a subject and grade level. The use of technology will be integrated. This course meets the national standards for the professional teacher competencies set by the International Reading Association (IRA). The IRA Standards addressed in this course are 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3.	3
RDG 545	Foundation, Cognition, and Emergent Literature	The course focuses on using literature within a complete developmental literacy program from the emergent stage to the adult proficiency level. Particular emphasis will be dedicated to the various genres that exist within the literature spectrum and how to utilize the different genres to meet specific instructional needs and literacy goals. Knowledge and skills will be developed to assist the student with applying the components of balanced literature-based literacy programs within their classroom or school setting. This course meets the following professional standards for educators: IRA (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1, 4.2, 5.3) and NBPTS (1, 2, 3, 4).	3

RDG 535	Descriptive Linguistics and Phonics	Classroom demographics in American schools are rapidly changing. Teachers are experiencing a growing need to familiarize themselves with the structure and use of the English language in order to respond to the increasing linguistic diversity in schools. As more schools focus on reading and writing across the curriculum, teachers of all disciplines need to become proficient at analyzing students' linguistic abilities and developing content-specific strategies to ensure success in the classroom. This course provides foundational knowledge related to linguistic principles of the English language – the basics of phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax – while addressing the issues related to the usage of standard and non-standard varieties of English. This course meets the following International Reading Association (IRA) Standards: 1.1, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4.	3
RDG 540	Research Techniques and Procedures	This course is designed to facilitate the development of research knowledge and skills in the education profession. The course will provide participants with a foundation for data-driven decision-making, change, and improvement. Course participants will conduct action research related to their job roles and evaluate and interpret research literature. Students will evaluate theory, techniques, and design of scientific research. This course meets the International Reading Association Standards 1.2, 3.1, and 3.3, and the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, proposition #4.	3
RDG 521	Developmental and Corrective Reading Process	The purpose of this course is to introduce participants to the barriers that prohibit students from learning to read. The course will provide participants with a working knowledge of common reading difficulties. Participants will be provided with informal diagnostic tools to diagnose common reading problems. Research-based intervention programs and guidelines for accessing appropriate resources to provide instructional support for students with reading difficulties will also be discussed. This course meets the following International Reading Association (IRA) Standards: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, and 3.2.	3
RDG 525	Literacy in a Multicultural Society	Educators must be more effective in relating to persons of various cultures, promoting multicultural understanding, and facilitating maximal learning and personal development for all. This course is designed to develop understanding and appreciation of cultural differences (including values, attitudes, behaviors, abilities, and learning styles) present in both the general public and schools. Both theoretical constructs and practical applications of literacy in a multicultural society are emphasized. This course meets the following International Reading Association (IRA) Standards: 1.1, 5.1, and 5.4.	3
RDG 515	Children, Adolescents, and Learning	This course combines a study of learning (including both cognitive and behavioral perspectives), human development (childhood through adolescence), and assessment (traditional and performance; teacher-made and standardized). Course participants will apply course information practically to reading instruction.. This course meets the following International Reading Association (IRA) Standards: 2, 3, and 5.	3
RDG 583	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas	This course links reading skills across the curriculum through the use of instructional strategies and assessments. The use of textbooks, trade books, and electronic texts are explored with a focus on strategies that are relevant in every content area. This course meets the following International Reading Association (IRA) Standards: 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4.	3
RDG 580	Practicum in Reading	This course provides an in-depth study of the International Reading Association Standards by examining research-based approaches linking assessment and instruction. Teachers will learn to use a wide range of formal and informal assessment tools and methods to diagnose and assess reading and writing development, instruction, and assessment. Students will develop individual case studies. This course meets the following International Reading Association (IRA) Standards: 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4.	3

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